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3. Manfred Schmidt was in Berlin from 27 to 30 April 1955 in order to take a written examination at the Deutsche Akademie fuer Staats- und Rechtswissenschaften in Babelsberg. Other ministry employees who took the examination at the same time were: Wolfgang Kieseewetter, acting chief of Main Department (HA) V; Irmgard Sickert, chief of Department 2 in HA V; Herbert Barth, chief of Department 2 in HA III; Karl-Heinz Lugenheim, a member of Barth's department; and Ilse Engelhardt, in the Referat Vietnam of HA I. Kieseewetter got the best results, while Engelhardt finished with the poorest results, in an examination based on foreign policies. 25X1
4. Emil Rathmann, former chief of the ministry's Cadre Department, who is presently a student at the Karl-Marx Party Academy, paid another visit to the ministry in early May 1955. 25X1
5. On 27 April 1955 a treaty turning Schoenefeld airport, near Berlin, over to East German authorities was signed at the ministry. Among those present were Soviet High Commissioner Pushkin, several high-ranking Soviet air-force generals, all Main Department heads and members of the ministry's Kollegium, and Egon von Frankenberg, former commander of Kampfgeschwader Edelweis in the former German air force. 25X1

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6. All non-members of the SED have been excluded from membership in the ministry's Kampfgruppe.

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8. Foreign Minister Lothar Bolz spends regular hours at the ministry now but is absent every Tuesday, when he spends the entire day at headquarters of the National Democratic Party.

9. The news, reported in all East German papers on 3 May, that a conference between the USSR and all satellite states would be held in Warsaw on 11 May, was not yet general knowledge among ministry employees as of 3 May 1955.

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